

10 786392

)
)
)
)
)
)
)
)
)

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of September 9, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-316187.

A certified copy of Japanese patent application 2003-316187 will be submitted when received from Applicants. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley P. Fisher
Registration Number 24,344

REED SMITH LLP
3110 Fairview Park Drive
Suite 1400
Falls Church, Virginia 22042
(703) 641-4200
February 26, 2004

~~Juan Carlos A. Marquez.~~
~~Registration Number 34,072~~